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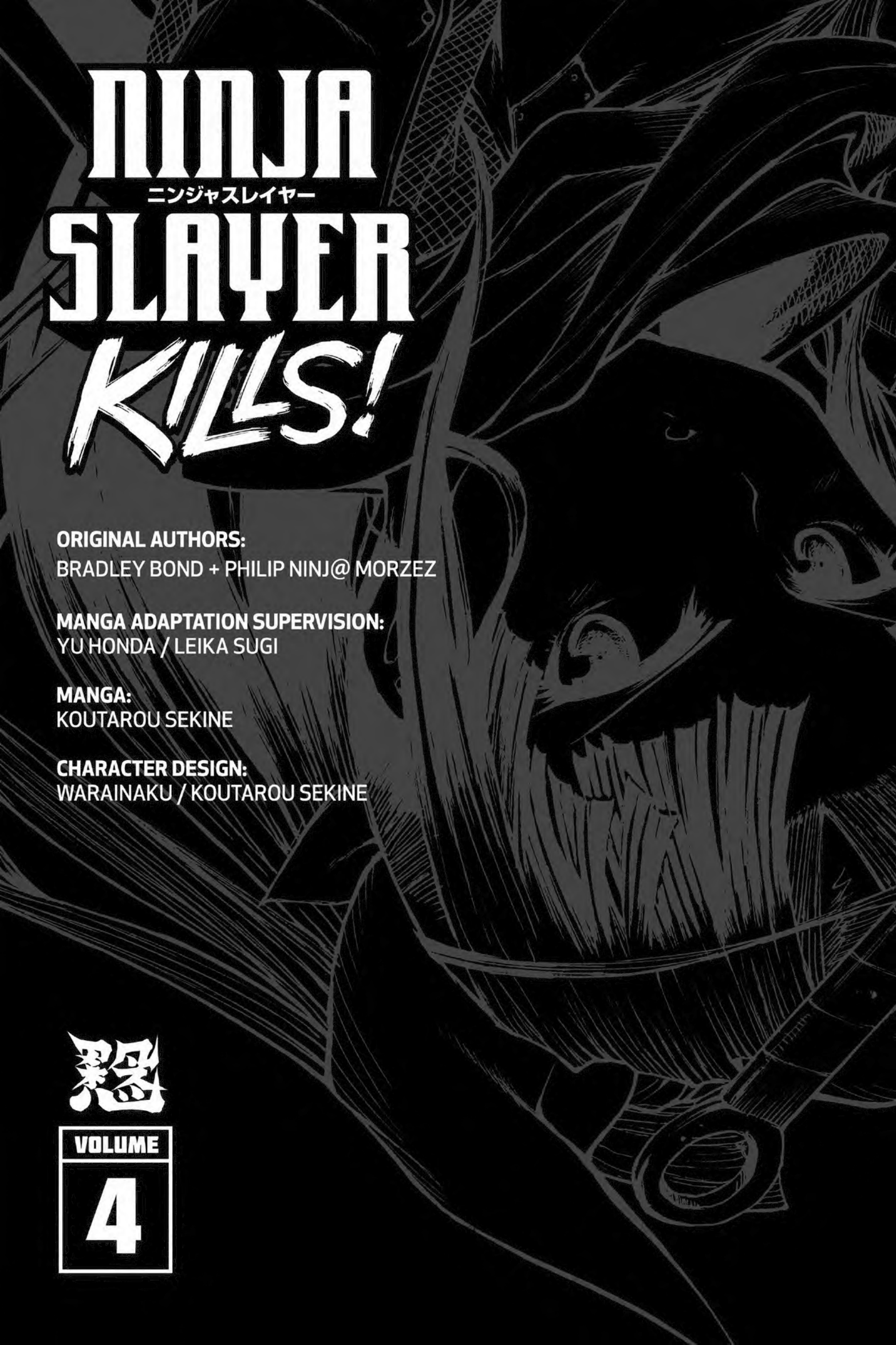

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FOREWORD

Domo.

I am Truncator.

With your polished ***wazamae,*** you have done well to defeat the verbal challenges before you thus far. However, those paltry victories barely earn you the right to be called ***sanshita!*** They were nothing compared to what awaits on the journey ahead! So take heed of the words on the following pages, for without them, you will surely be saying "sayonara!"

KANJI SEARCHLIGHT
A searchlight that emits an intensely bright light to stop enemies or criminals in their tracks. It can be used as a type of weapon and displays messages such as "under arrest" or "right to silence."

NEGITORO
Minced or ground tuna that is typically eaten on top of rice or in a sushi roll. This term is also used to describe what may become of a victim of a rather gruesome ninja attack.

BANZAI NUKE
A compact, megaton-class nuclear bomb utilized as a weapon by the Soukai Syndicate.

DOTON JITSU
A ninja tunneling technique and attack. Typically, a ninja uses this technique to tunnel into the earth and lie in wait to ambush their opponent.

OTASSHA-DE!
A phrase that is used in place of "goodbye." It usually implies that the speaker will return at some point.

YABARE-KABARE
A phrase to describe someone who acts recklessly in a state of desperation.

GANMO
Fried sushi that has been stuffed with vegetables. Since it is normally served after being cut to pieces, it's often used as a metaphor to describe a ninja that has been blown apart.

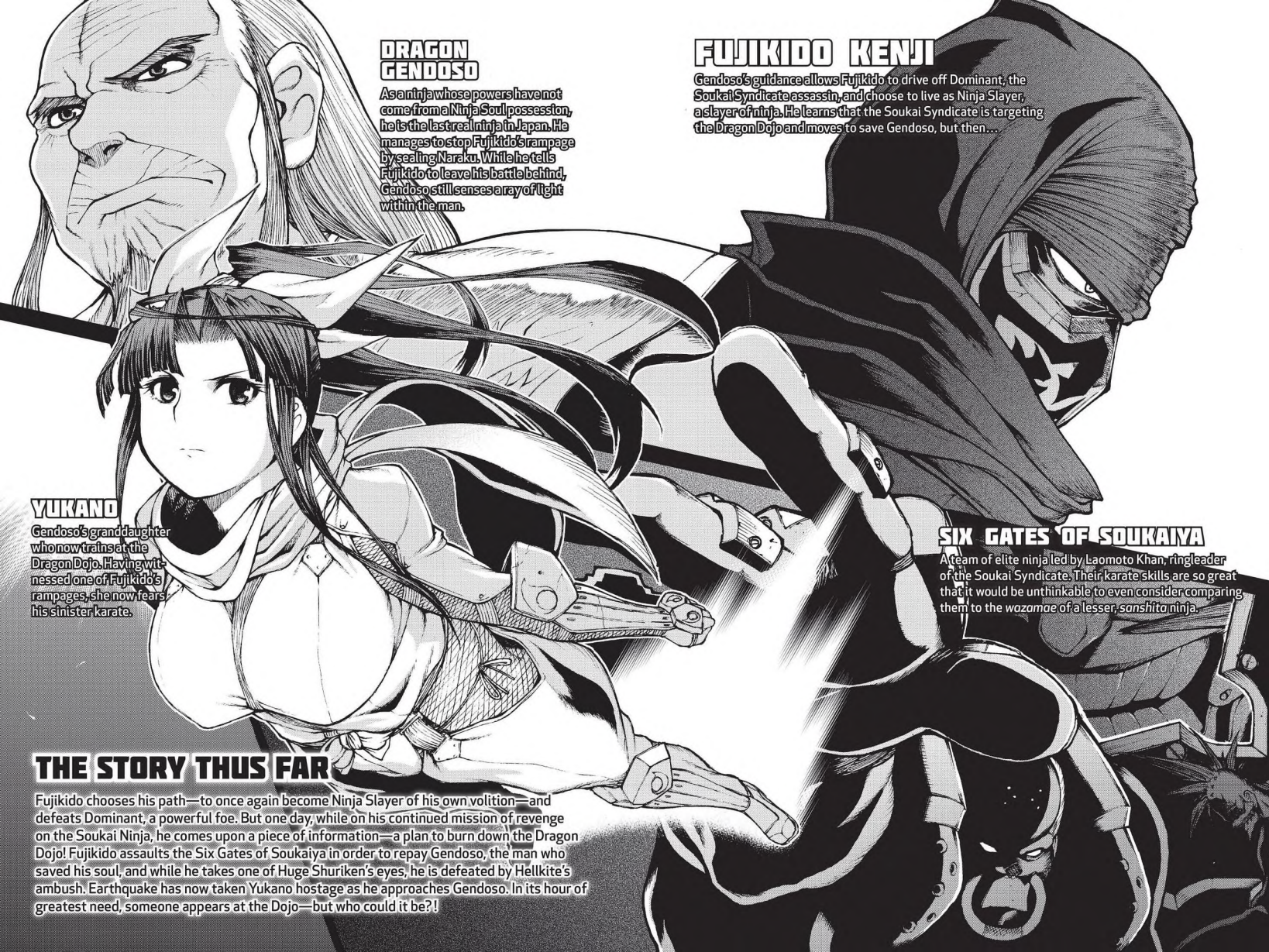
KOTODAMA

What is written upon these pages are more than mere words, they have been brought to life on the breath of those who inhabit the world of Ninja Slayer, and as such, hold power that bring them close to the heart and soul of ninja life. Learn these words as if your life depended on it, for they might be your best weapons in this age of wanton violence and depravity.

SALARYMAN
The humble businessman and everyman that is the backbone of Neo-Saitama's workforce. A common sight that permeates all classes in Neo-Saitama's society.

FU-TON
A place where one may rest. In the physical sense, this may be simply interpreted as a bed, but in Neo-Saitama it may also be used metaphorically for a place or time of respite for the mind and soul.

INGA-OHO
Karmic retribution or getting one's just desserts via karma. This phrase may be said when an enemy gets what they deserve or when one is in shock when karma has put them in an unexpectedly bad situation.


DRAGON GENDOSO
As a ninja whose powers have not come from a Ninja Soul possession, he is the last real ninja in Japan. He manages to stop Fujikido's rampage by sealing Naraku. While he tells Fujikido to leave his battle behind, Gendoso still senses a ray of light within the man.
FUJIKIDO KENJI
Gendoso's guidance allows Fujikido to drive off Dominant, the Soukai Syndicate assassin, and choose to live as Ninja Slayer, a slayer of ninja. He learns that the Soukai Syndicate is targeting the Dragon Dojo and moves to save Gendoso, but then...
YUKANO
Gendoso's granddaughter who now trains at the Dragon Dojo. Having witnessed one of Fujikido's rampages, she now fears his sinister karate.
SIX GATES OF SOUKAIYA
A team of elite ninja led by Laomoto Khan, ringleader of the Soukai Syndicate. Their karate skills are so great that it would be unthinkable to even consider comparing them to the *wazamae* of a lesser, *sanshita* ninja.

THE STORY THUS FAR

Fujikido chooses his path—to once again become Ninja Slayer of his own volition—and defeats Dominant, a powerful foe. But one day, while on his continued mission of revenge on the Soukai Ninja, he comes upon a piece of information—a plan to burn down the Dragon Dojo! Fujikido assaults the Six Gates of Soukaiya in order to repay Gendoso, the man who saved his soul, and while he takes one of Huge Shuriken's eyes, he is defeated by Hellkite's ambush. Earthquake has now taken Yukano hostage as he approaches Gendoso. In its hour of greatest need, someone appears at the Dojo—but who could it be?!

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GA-
WOOSH
DOMO.
I AM NINJA SLAYER.
ZWOOSH
...!!
DOMO.

I AM EARTH-QUAKE.
DON'T MOVE.
GRASP
ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOU MAY CONSIDER THIS GIRL'S LIFE FORFEIT.
KA-
KRIK
NNAAARGH!!
TWITCH
THIS WAS AN UNFORSEEN SITUATION, BUT IT HAS TURNED MY SUSPICION INTO CONVICTION.
HOW-EVER ...
HIS TOUGH-NESS IS INCREDIBLE. HE HAS TAKEN A MORTAL BLOW, BUT HE STILL STANDS.
...HIS MIND IS NO DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF A GUTLESS MORTAL'S. HE IS CONTROLLED BY SIMPLE EMOTIONS.

?!!
BAM
YEAH!

GA-
YOU BASTARD !!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE GIRL !?
HAA... ?!
DO THAT AGAIN...
...COULD NOT CONTROL MY NINJA SOUL!?
WOO
FRO
GA-
KRAK

A few hours before the raid on the Dojo.

—WAIT.
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SLEEPING, FUMIKO HENJIN!
WHAT WOULD COME OF ME GOING THERE?
NO. NOT THEM.
FUTURE AND TECHNIQUE...
COULD I BE HOLDING NOTHING MORE THAN ONE-SIDED FEELINGS OF FAVOR AND OBLIGATION FOR THEM?
YOU MUST SAVE DRAGON GENDOSO-SAN, THE MAN YOU OWE YOUR LIFE TO, AS WELL AS YUKANO-SAN...!!

...THAT'S RIGHT. I TRIED TO KILL THEM.
OF COURSE THEY WOULD FEAR AND SHUN ME.
...BUT EVEN IF THEY DO, I STILL ...!!
IF THOSE HONORABLE TWO MUST FACE THE SIX GATES, NOTHING CAN GUARANTEE THEIR SAFETY!!
GET UP! MOVE!!
I WANT TO SAVE THEM! THAT IS ALL, NOTHING MORE!

FUJI-KIDO !!
HOW PATHETIC.
NARAKU NINJA —!!
GUH— HUH— HUH!! YOU OUGHT TO LICHAT THIS TO ME
MY DARK KARMATE CAN MOVE THIS BODY AND SLAUGHTER EVERY LAST ONE OF THOSE DAMNED NINJA
SUNOVA!
...I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU I'D NEVER AGAIN ALLOW YOU TO DO AS YOU PLEASED!

RUN TO THE POLICE
BUT THINK OF THE STATE YOU'RE IN
ARE YOU IN ANY FIT STATE TO GO OUT?
!!
GWAAAH!
GA
SHIT

GWAAH!!
SA-WOOSH
SAA-HAHAW KOH ROND
NO MATTER HOW TENACIOUS YOUR MIND MAY BE, YOUR UTTERLY DEVASTATED BODY WAITS FOR NOTHING MORE THAN A FU-TONE
SAA-HAHAW KOH ROND, LEAVE THE REST TO ME. YOU JUST SLEEP.
STOP IT!!
I WILL BE SLAUGHTERED BY MY HAND!
STOP IT!
THOSE DAMNED SOUKEN NINJA.

ZZZP-
PWAF

BAM
YEARR!
MROOO!!

BA-
THUD
I WON'T STOP WITH THE SOUKAI NINJA
STAY TUCKED INSIDE YOUR MENTAL FU-TON AND WATCH
SUH-HUH-HUH

I'LL MAKE YOU LIP AS THEIR BLOOD SPLATTERS BACK ONTO ME!
I'LL SLAUGHTER EVERY ONE OF THOSE DAMNED DRAGON CLOUD NINJA TOO!
GUH-HAH-HAH...
GAAH-HAHA HAHA !!

...NO'S A MISTAKEN
AS AMMO NO NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO
GRRFFFF
GHAH-HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA!
SUH-HHH HH

YEAR!!
SATSU-
BATSU
!!
WOOSH

BAM
GRAND-PAPA!!
DH
KAK
KAK
KRAK
KAK
NAARGH!!

—YUUKI
-SAN
...?

KILL !!
DA
!!SUMP
GNAAHH!!
KILL !!
KILL !!
KILL !!
THAT GIRL IS A NINJA!! THEY ARE ALL NINJA! NINJA SHALL P&RISH !!

IF I KILL ...
...THAT NINJA ...?!
MY HEAD IS BEING SMASHED TO PIECES ...?! WHO DOES THIS RANCOROUS VOICE BELONG TO?!
IS IT NARAKU NINJA'S? ARE THESE CRIES MY OWN?!
WILL THE VOICE STOP IF I KILL ALL NINJA?!

YUKARI!
YUKANO!!

!!
I SEE ...
SO YOU ARE NOT A SIMPLE MAD-MAN.
ZUUGH!!
AAARGH!!

YEAR
BIG
KRSH
SHHH

ガシ
ガシ
ガシ

THUD
YEARK!!
!!

MRGH!!
DAKK
YEEART!!
WHAM

WOOF
...PEOPLE DO HEAD BUTT YOU?
YOU'LL NEED MORE THAN THAT TO PUT UP A FIGHT.

BA-KRAK
YEARR!!
KAK
KAK
KAK
KAK

WOOSH
WHAT FIERCE KARATE!
THOOM
BANG

THOOM
!!

TEARS OF BLOOD!!
WHAT AM I DOING?
I HAVE GIVEN IN TO THE TEMPTATION OF THE
BUT THIS IS ALL MY BODY CAN DO WITHOUT NAURAKU'S POWER!
I KNOW I'M HERE TO KILL THOSE I WAS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT. THESE AREN'T THE ACTS OF A MAN.

...YES. I OUGHT TO JUST DIE HERE.
HAVE MY BODY AND SOUL BEEN BECOME THAT OF A NINJA?
FOR IF I DO, NEVER AGAIN WILL I SPREAD
IN THAT CASE, I'M BETTER OFF DEAD—
...SUCH ROUND-LESS DEATH.

SHOOM
WHA?
YEEARR!
GWUUUH?!

YOU DID NOT BREAK THE SEAL ON THAT NINJA SOUL...
...TO DO NOTHING BUT KNEEL HERE IN REGRET ...
...NINJA SLAYER-SAN.
THUD
ARISE!

DRAGON
...GENDOSO-SAN!!!
Zzz...
AKK

BAM
BAM
WOOSH
YOU ROCK-IN OLD NINJA
THE AGE OF REAL NINJA HAS ENDED !!

HIT
INSTRUCTION ONE. NINJA SLAYER-SAN.
STRENGTH MUST NOT BE MET WITH STRENGTH.
ESPECIALLY WHEN FACING OFF AGAINST A NINJA SOUL!
YEEAAARRT!
BUF
KOOM

BOOM
!!
BLACK NINJA-GUARD-GANG!!
UNDERSTOOD!!

BOOM
ZURRGH!
WHEE!
KILL or DIE ✦ SURPRISED DOOD PART 4

THEIR MOVEMENTS ARE AS IF IN RESONANCE WITH ONE ANOTHER!
IT'S COME!
NINJA SLAY-ER-SAN!
ZOOK
SLASH
BANK

YEAR!
GAH...!
BUT IF THEY THINK THIS IS EVEN CLOSE TO ENGLISH, THEN ...?

BAM.
WOSH

GWAAHH?!!
WHAT YOU MUST DO IS THROW A THOUSAND SURIKEN!
UNDER-STOOD !!
IF YOU CANNOT DEFEAT THE ENEMY WITH A HUNDRED SURIKEN, YOU MUST NEVER THEN RELY ON THE POWER OF ONE!!
DO YOU NOW SEE THE INNERMOST SECRET OF INSTRUCTION ONE!?
AM I UNABLE TO DEAL WITH ALL OF THEM?!

HOW CAN A SINGLE NINJA STAND IN THE WAY OF ALL SIX GATES?!
WHAT DID MY CALCULATIONS GO WRONG?!
NAMI-AMIDA-BUTSU!!
WHAT IS GAIDEN NOW DO DOING?!
WHY HASN'T HELLFYRE'S BACKUP SQUAD ARRIVED YET?! WHERE IS OUR CO-ORDINATED ATTACK?!
HUGE!!
HUGE!! YOU NEED TO GET UP!!
PLEASE, I NEED YOUR HELP!

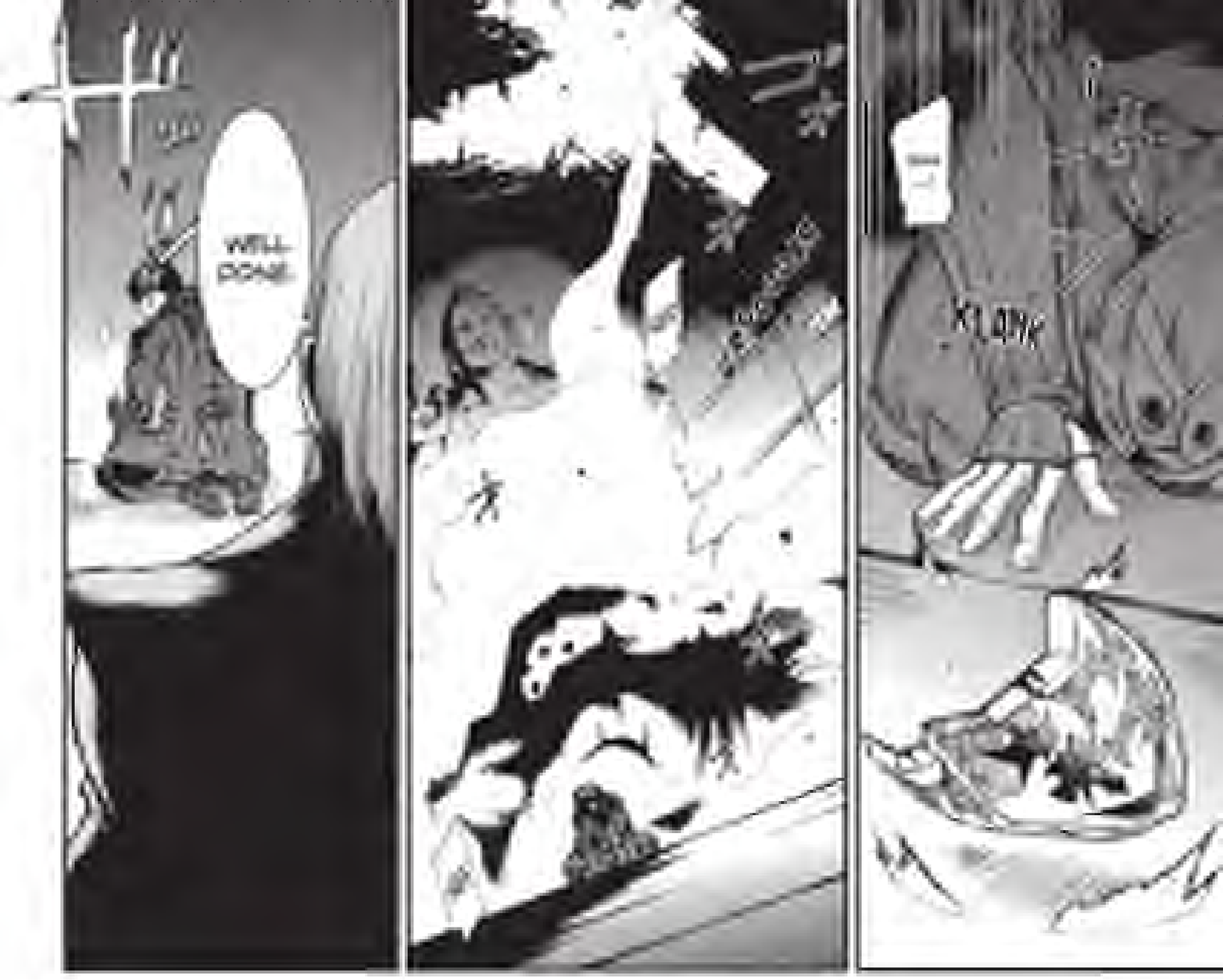
HUUUUUUGE!!
INGA-OHO!

DASH!
YEAH!
NOW!!

NINJA...
...SHALL PERISH!!
FUUJIKI TOCHI-NOWA
I WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN MY HEART, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES THE EARS INSIDE OF THE NINJA MAY TEMPT ME.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE TO BE MYSELF.
I WILL SLAY ALL WICKED NINJA BY MY WILL ALONE!

YEART!
KLANG
GA-
ZAKU

BOOM
SAYONARA!!!
CLAP
SA
...


WELL DONE
KLONK

—WHY?
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME A SECOND TIME?
YOU WERE ONCE SO RELUCTANT TO TEACH ME MAGATE.
SO WHY...?
—THOSE TEARS.
THE TEARS OF BLOOD YOU CRIED TODAY.
IT WAS IN THOSE TEARS THAT I SAW BOTH THE JET-BLACK SHADOW AND THE GOLDEN LIGHT HELD WITHIN YOUR SOUL.

NINJA SLAYER-SAN.
A SUBLIME SOUL DWELLS WITHIN YOUR BODY. ONE THAT DESERVES TO CLIMB THE HEIGHTS OF [illegible] TEMPLE.
I SHALL GUIDE YOU THERE !!
SENSEI ...!!

GRR...
CLICK
ROAR

BIP
THAT'S SCOUNDREL!?
YEAH!
THUD

SENSEI !!
GRAND-FATHER !!
GWAAH!!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

ENJOYING THE TASTE OF "TAKEUCHI"?! THAT'S YOROSHIBAN PHARMACEUTICAL'S ANTI-NINJA VIRUS...!
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
OR IS EVEN THE LAST NINJA IN JAPAN NO MATCH FOR THE POWER OF BOTECH !?
EEEHH !!

ABBAH!!
BA-
WOOF
...DAMN YOU, NOBLE SWORDSMAN-DAN.
HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO MY GRANDFATHER...!?

GRR·
I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE !!
RIP
I COULDN'T EVEN BECOME A SHAMAN...!

I HAVE NOT HAD MUCH TIME AND TO USE AT MUCH CARD

BUT I DID MANAGE TO SEND [illegible] DOWN WITH ME... WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT, [illegible]?!

LEAVE ME AS BAIT LIKE THAT... [illegible] YOU ASSHOLE!!!

...WE'LL MEET IN THE NEXT LIFE.

!!
KA-
CRASH!
AAUH P!
DAMN IT!!
MY EYES...! THAT BRIGHT SEARCHLIGHT HAS...
P!
P!

GA-
ZAK-KENKA-KOKAN !!
DROP THE CLONE YAKUZA SQUAD-RON!!
A GRUESOME DEATH HUGS SALARYMAN-SAN.
NOW, ALLOW ME TO PLAY THIS TRUMP CARD!

GAAGH !!
GRAND-FATHER !!
ARE YOU OKAY ...?
KOFF! KA-KOFF!
...WHAT ABOUT... NINJA SLAYER-SAN...?
!!
GWAAH!!

GWAH!!
AGAIN?!
I STILL DON'T KNOW.
BUT FOR NOW ...!!

YEEAR!
THUNK
THERE'S NO TIME TO HESITATE!
POW
GA-
NINJA-SLAYER-SAN!! THERE'S A SECRET PASSAGE THIS WAY!!
COME TOWARDS MY VOICE!
WOOSH

BOOM!
YEEAAH!

AS LONG AS THE TARGET IS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE
3
IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE TO ESCAPE THE BLAST RADIUS OF A TACTICAL NUKE MINE UNDER THE EFFECTS OF TABUN.
THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY.
HAVE THE SQUAD FOURTH APPROACH THE TARGET AT ONCE.
THEN ORDER THEM TO ACTIVATE A DEATH SECOND DETONATION OF THE BARGE AUKE STORED INSIDE.
SUZEO-ORAH!

PHEW
YUKANO-SAN, YOUR HAND, PLEASE!
OKAY
TH-THUMP

AH!!
BAM
AH
I SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT.
...!!

I STILL CANNOT BRING MYSELF TO TRUST YOU AS MY GRANDFATHER HAS.
...BUT GIVEN HIS CURRENT PRECARIOUS STATE OF HEALTH...
...IF I WANT TO GET MY GRANDFATHER TO A SAFE PLACE, MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.
LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
...
!

RUMBLE
YU-KANO-SAN!!
GRAB
AIEE?!

BZZ
HUH ?
ZOOM

NURRY!
THAT EXPLOSION! COULD IT BE...
A TACTICAL NUKE?!
CAN WE ESCAPE IN TIME...?

[SURPRISED DOJO PART 4] • END

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NINJA SLAYER KOLL-ed

KA-
BOOM
BA-
BOOM

BA-
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MI AGM
...!
URK... KOH! KOH!
Woh

ANY SLOWER AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN TURNED TO CINDERS.
GRANDFATHER INVITED AN INTRODUCTION TO US IN THE FEW MOMENTS IN WHICH HE HAD REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS
WHILE HE STOOD ON THE BRINK OF LIFE AND DEATH, NINJA BLADE UNSHEATHED IT IMMEDIATELY AND TOOK ACTION

AS HE CONFESSES FOR DOZENS OF HOURS INSIDE THE DEEP AT AS OUR PITY ARE BLOCKED BOTTOM STEEL
...AT THE END, I WAS ABLE TO DO SOMETHING, AND WAS SAVED YET AGAIN BY HIS DECISIVE ACTIONS.

SEN-SEI!!
GRAND-FATHER!!
GA-HACK!!
SUH
AH...!
WELL DONE, NINJA SLAYER-SAN
YOU DID A GOOD JOB OF FOLLOWING MY INSTRUCTIONS UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE
SEN-SEI
NO GRANDFATHER! YOU MURDER-ED SENSEI!
SENSEI DO NOT HAVE YOUR KARMA!

...TO BECOME...A COMPLETE NINJA ...!!
THERE, NINJA SLAYER-SAN. YOU WILL FIND THE RE-MAINING INSTRUC-TION YOU NEED...
...GO TO THE DRAGON FOREST ...
SENSEI FATHER ...?
KOFF !!
KOFF !!
GUH !

THE DRAGON FOREST —
A SACRED GROVE LOCATED IN THE REGION OF NEO-HAITIAN. THAT AS OF YET REMAINS UNBUILT.
ANGOR IS AN ABANDONED SHRINE BELONGING TO THE AWARI NINJA CLAN, WITH WHOM WE, THE DRAGON NINJA CLAN, ONCE EXCHANGED VOWS OF BROTHERHOOD.
THERE. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER MEDICINE FOR MY GRANDFATHER.
AH...
GRANDFATHER SUFFERS MUCH OF HIM.

BUT IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT HE POSSESSES A PIERCING TERRITORIAL SIDE.
AND YET, HE NOW TAKES TO RESCUE US.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHICH IS THE TRUE NINJA SLAYER-SAN?!

BAM
YU-KANO-SAN
HE KNOWS OUR DESTINATION. LET US HURRY.
SENDOU-SENSEI'S HEALTH IS STILL POOR.
...YES. YOU'RE RIGHT.
MR CANT AFFORD TO WASTE A SINGLE MOMENT.
ZZZ
TAKK

BUT NOW
GRANDFATHER ALWAYS SHOWED ME THE WAY

TEACH ME, GRAND-FATHER.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

AH ANOMA-ALY
THERE BURNING SHAPES
WHAAT ?!
COMING FROM GROUND ZERO?!
IT'S SO
WAH... COULD IT BE...?

WHAT?!
HEY, GIMME THAT SCOOT...
NINJA SLAYER...?!
GIMME!!
BUDDHA!! THAT REALLY IS NINJA SLAYER!!
...AND HE'S GOT A SWEET LITTLE BONUS WITH HIM.

HEH
HELLGATE MIGHT'VE FORCED US TO CLEAN UP HIS MESS BY SAVING US THIS SHITTY MISSION.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE BUDDHA HAS DECIDED TO SMILE DOWN ON US. GUN-TURRET-SAN!
ZAKI
FWOOSH
SOUKAI NINJA-
GUNTURRET
CENTI-PEDE-SAN!!
KORRAH! I MADE THAT GHILLIE SUIT FOR YOU! ASK BEFORE YOU TAKE IT OFF!!

THA-
SHUT IT!!
SOUKAI NINJA
CENTIPEDE
THOOM
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT OUR SUSHI... AND HE'S EVEN BROUGHT A SIDE OF EDAMAME WITH HIM!!

NO.
FIRST A REPORT. CONTACTING HELLKITE-SAN VIA IRC...
THEY MAY HAVE SURVIVED THAT EXPLOSION, BUT THEY HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY DRAINED.
WE CAN KILL 'EM IF WE ACT NOW! LIKE KILLIN' TWO NINJA WITH ONE SHURIKEN! WE CAN SURPASS HELLKITE!
HMM...
...HM?
THIS IS CLEARLY OUR CHANCE !!
AHH? CAN'T YOU SEE ...?

I COULD SEE THAT.
OF COURSE YOU CAN!!
...AND I DON'T LIKE THIS GUY TO BEGIN WITH.

A DISCIPLINE LIKE HIM BECOMING ONE OF THE SIX GATES JUST BECAUSE HE'S GOOD AT RIDING A KITE?!
NOT IN MY BOOK !!
BUT YOU MUST ADMIT, HIS SKILLS ARE IMPRESSIVE.

JEALOUSY DULLS JUDGE-MENT
HMPH! ANY-WAY!!
I'M NOT GIVING HELLKITE A SINGLE SCRAP ON MY WATCH !!

UNDER-STAND ?!
THEN WE'LL MAKE IT RIGHT INTO THE SIX GATES AS HUGE BACKWATER AND EARTH-QUAKE'S SUCCES-SORS!
WE'LL SLAUGHTER THEM AND SPLIT THE HONOR BETWEEN US!!
AWWW-RIGHT !!
...
OKAY.
YEP. TOTALLY.
A SMOKE SIGNAL ?
I'LL USE A SMOKE SIGNAL AS A CUE.
HERE I GO.

VWOOOP
THE SYNCHOS WILL BE EMITTED ON OUR RC COMMUNICATIONS.
HELLO? I'M SORRY I'M OTHER BUSINESS HE WON'T NOTICE A SMOKE SIGNAL.
VERY WELL.
GO.
OTAS-SHA-DE !!
SHU

HEART!
BOOM
UUGH
—

BAP
SKUNK
SKRT
SKRT
SHK
SHK
PART 4

ZZZ...
ZZZ...
!

ZNAP
SMOKE SIGNAL CONFIRMED.
LET ME SEE...
—WHAT YOU HAVE GOT

BOOM!
?!

YEEAR!!
PHEW...
THE ROUGH WINTER GETS...

ZAS
(KING) PLEASED TO MEET YOUR ACQUAINTANCE. YOU TWERP! :)
I AM CENTI-PEDE.
DOMO.
I AM NINJA SLAYER.
THIS IS DRAGON GENOCIDO-SENSEI.

PLEASED TO MEET YOUR ACQUAINTANCE
...DOHO
I AM DRAGON YUKANO ...!!

...WHAT A BEAUTY. AS BEFITS AN OFFERING TO THE BATTLE-FIELD.
SHE WILL NOT LIVE. SHE WILL NOT DIE—
BUT FOR SURE SHE WILL GET A TASTE.

...WHAT?
POW
HEH HEH...
YUKANO-SAN?!

POW
YU-
KANO-
SAN!!
SPLA
SPLASH

SIGH
GASP!
GASP!
...!!
WE HAVE A SNIPER ON US!!

YEEAH!!
BOOM!
AGHGH!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU WANNA GIVE HER?
LIKE I WOULD EVER LET YOU STAND
IT'S HAPPY TIME RIGHT NOW, JUST YOU AND ME!!

THIS RAIN. IT HURTS MY AIM. STILL, A PASSABLE HIT.
BARELY KEEP HER ALIVE... TORMENT THE WOUNDED IN FRONT OF HIM. IMPATIENCE ACCUMU-LATES.
AND THEN, SNAKE NINJA JUDGEMENT WITH DEADLY RESULTS.
HIT.
NOW YOU ARE LIKE A MAGIC MONKEY, DANCING IN THE BUDDHA'S PALM.
NINJA SLAYER-SAN.

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YEAR!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? IS THIS WHAT THEY TEACH AT THE DRAGON DOJO, HOW TO TUCK TAIL AND RUN?
THAT WOMAN IS DONE FOR IF YOU DON'T DO SOME-THING!

POW
NAARGH!!
KEH KEH...! THAT ANGLE BOGGLES OF HERE IS GOING TO BE SHOT FLAT AT THE BACK!
SO NINJA SLAYER-SAN! WHAT WILL YOU DO?!
YUKIANO-SAN!!

GO
BOF
YUUPA!!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT...!
...DO NOT GO.
IT COMES...!!

GA-
?!
RUSH!!

DID HE JUST DEFEND AGAINST A DIRECT HIT ?!
WHAT ?!
KA-
KLANK
YEAH!!

SITUATION STILL IN HAND.
TO-GETHER WE ARE FLAW-LESS.
IT COMES--!!
YES, GRAHAI IT

YEEAR!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
IF I WATCH OUT FOR THE SNIPER, CENTIPEDE-SAN WILL ATTACK
BUT IF I DEFEND AGAINST CENTIPEDE-SAN'S ATTACKS, A SNIPER BULLET WILL BE SENT MY WAY
IT'S A BATTLE OF ATTRITION WHERE MY ONLY OPTION IS TO DEFEND
AT THIS RATE, YOKAI-SAN WILL ....!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I SUPPOSED TO DO —?!

BA-
THUNK
ENOUGH BLAB-BERING, OLD MAN!!
JUST SHUT IT AND DIE!
BOOM

SSTT
HA-
YEEART!!
POW
GWAAHH!
WHAT KIND OF DIRT-DIGGIN' BURROW ATTACK ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL...?
HUH?
WHAT...?

BOOM
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
A SUICIDE—?!
COULD THAT BE—?!

WHOOSH

DAMN, HE GOT ME...!
A BACKGROUND...!

SO HE RAN
BUT.
HE CANNOT RUN FROM CENTIPEDE-SAN'S NOSE...!

I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO USE A SCARE TO TREAT YOU.
...THIS IS NOTHING AT ALL...!
HE JUST CAUGHT ME A LITTLE BIT BY SURPRISE...!
HEH!
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T TALK!

?!
—SENSEI. I ENTRUST YUKANO-SAN TO YOU FOR NOW.
I WILL KILL THEM.
...IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, YOU TWO ESCAPE ON YOUR OWN.

WHERE WOULD'VE HE HAPPENED TO HAVE?
THE WOUNDS FROM MY BATTLE WITH THE SIX GATES REOPENED. THAT'S ALL.
IT ISN'T A PROB-LEM.
—!

GRAB
NUURGH
...HOLD ON A SEC-OND !!

YUKANO-SAN...?
THESE WOUNDS WOULD HAVE KILLED ANY REGULAR NINJA MULTIPLE TIMES OVER.
OF COURSE YOURS'RE NOT OKAY...!

YOU TRIED TO KILL US NOT ONCE BUT TWICE ...!
SO WHY ARE YOU GOING THIS FAR IN ORDER TO SAVE US?!
WHY?
YOU SHED YOUR OWN BLOOD AND TEARS AS YOU UNLEASH KUSARI SO INTENSE IT TAKES A TOLL ON YOUR OWN BODY...
ALL WHILE YOU FIGHT THE WICKED-NESS INSIDE OF YOURSELF. WHAT IS IT THAT KEEPS YOU STANDING?!

...THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU.
HEARING YOUR WORDS DRAGGED ME BACK TO REALITY.
WHEN I WAS AT THE DOJO, TOO... I SURELY WOULD HAVE YIELDED TO THE NINJA SOUL'S TEMPTATIONS AGAIN.
IT'S THANKS TO THE TWO OF YOU THAT I AM ABLE TO REMAIN WHO I AM.
...I WANT TO REPAY YOU FOR THAT.
THAT IS ALL.

PERHAPS THAT IS WHAT MY GRANDFATHER MEANS WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT THE HUMANITY THAT MAKES YOU NINJA SLAYER.
NOW DO IT FOR YOUR FAMILY'S SAKE.
AND FOR OUR SAKE!!...
EVEN A SMALL PIECE SHOULD ERASE MUCH OF YOUR PAIN.
THIS IS OUR DOJO'S SECRET NINJA FU-
I WOULD BE HAPPY IF I CAN HELP THOSE TWO ALONE AS YOU ARE NOW
!

FUMANO-
-SA...
JUST CALL ME FUMANO.
I'VE THOUGHT OF A GOOD WAY TO DEAL WITH THAT SNIPER.
YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF CENTIPEDE-SAN.
-IF ANYONE IN YOUR ROLE...
...AND IN YOUR AGE.
CHICK--!
LADIES-WOOF.

NINJA BASIC PERSON.
NO MERCY ...!!
BLAM
HOLAND YO.
HEH HEH... THAT NINJA BLOOD'S ALWAYS GOT A PARTICULAR FUNK TO IT.

YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE !!
BOOM

SHE DECIDE TO DIE HERSELF ALONGSIDE THAT DRIED UP OLD MAN!!!
HEY! WHERE'S THE WOMAN?
WHAT DISCOURTEOUS WORDS. AS IT'D EXPECT FROM A SOUKAI NINJA.
NOW COME.
LET ME GIVE YOU A DEATH BEFITTING YOUR VULGAR CHARACTER!

STOP RUN-NING YER MOUTH !!
BOOM!!
YEARR!!

HM?
THE WOMAN DID SHE GET AWAY?
STILL, IT IS RECKLESS TO FIGHT US WHILE CARRYING THEIR GREATEST BURDEN— THAT SENILE MAN.
A PLAN? OR IS IT SIMPLE DESPERATION. KABARE-KABARE?
MMH ...?
INTRIGUING.

I SEE HOW SHE APPROACHES. WAS MY LOCATION BEEN FOUND?
SO. SHE THINKS TO CHALLENGE ME ALONE...
A FOOL ENJOYS FUN. A TRUE NINJA WHO DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE ESSENCE OF BLOODY KILLING? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
HER SOFT HEAD... I'LL KNOCK IT OFF HER BODY IN ONE SHOT.
SWOOSH

AWARK!!
BAM
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING--?!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT AN ANGEL CARRYING THAT GREEDY ON YOUR BACK?!!

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YOU PLAN TO AMBUSH THE SNIPER ALONE, KUKANO-SAN?!
NO! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
IT'LL BE DANGER-OUS NO MATTER HOW WE DO IT.
AND AM-BUSHES ARE MY SPECIALTY.

...AND THE ENEMY'S PERSONALITY AS TOLD THROUGH THE SURVEN.
THE ENEMY'S AGGRESSIVE BATTLE LOCATION FINDS INTERVAL
...AMONG OF ALL, THERE ARE STILL THINGS I KNOW NOW ONLY BECAUSE MASTER HAS BEEN STRUCK BY THE ENEMY'S SURVEN.
IF I USE THOSE TO MY ADVANTAGE, I CAN WIN...!
IT'S OKAY.
...?
I MAY NOT HAVE YOUR KNACK AHEAD...
...BUT I, TOO, HAVE RECEIVED DRAGON DESCENDANT INSTRUCTIONS.
AAH! AH- HA! ...

IT'S NOT MY GOALS TO ALWAYS BE THE VICTIM.
LET'S TEACH THEM WHAT THE DRAGON DOJO IS MADE OF.
TO-GETHER!
!
ALL RIGHT.

IT WOULD BRING GENGI BACK!!
...BUT PLEASE, DON'T DO ANYTHING SICK-LIKE.
BEFORE I GO, TELL ME ONE LAST THING.
!
NOT YOUR NINJA NAME.
BUT YOUR NAME AS A HUMAN—
YOUR NAME.

TWEART!!
BOOM
GOTCHA !!
...?

BOOM
NINJA SLAYER-SAN!!

KA-
CLANG
—KILL
MY NAME IS...

FUU-
KIDO
...
...KENJI
!!
KI-
YEEH
!!
Schlag

BOOM
RHOF
!!
ANOTHER SMOKE SCREEN
THE SAME TRICK TWICE. YOU THINK IT WILL WORK AGAIN?
PAM

INFRARED MODE
MEGA IDIOT.
I SEE YOU.

"A NINJA IS ONE WHO IS ALWAYS CONNECTED WITH THE SPIRITS OF EARTH, WATER, FIRE, AND WIND. WIELDING THEM ALL."
"THIS IS KNOWN AS
"USE THE SPIRITS OF EARTH, WATER, FIRE, AND WIND AS YOUR SHIELD ...!!"

NO
MOVE
I ONLY HAVE...
...ONE CHANCE!
HIT.

BWOOF
AH—
WHAP

I HAD NON-DEED THAT SHE WOULD TRY.
HUFH.
CHLOE RELAX.

BULLS-
EYE!!
SET
?!!

HOW IN THE WORLD—?!
A DUMMY?!
ZAK!

BOOM
ドーン!!
BLAM

DOMO!
!!
ZSSHH
I AM DRAGON KURAMA.
SO, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SO CLOSE AND PERSONAL?

I AM DUN-TURBET.
YOU GOT ME.
IT WAS THAT SMOKE SCREEN!
YOU DIS-COVERED MY ANGLE OF FIRE USING THE SMOKE! AND THAT IS HOW YOU LOCATED ME!

I WAS ONLY ABLE TO DO IT BECAUSE I KNEW YOUR WHEREABOUTS —
KUKUKU...
...THANKS TO ALL THOSE BURIKEN YOU IDOLMENTED ME WITH.
HUH —
LET'S END THIS VANITY BATTLE.
IT IS YOU WHO WILL BE ENDED HERE.
ZA-
POW
!!

...A SIDE-ARM ...!
WOOSH
YEAH!
BAP

KRASH
YOU MADE LIGHT OF ME, GIRL.
SO, YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD WIN FAIR AND SETTLE UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL?

THA-
THOOM
!!
HE WOULD BE NO MATCH FOR CENTI-PEDE-SAN ...!
A POOR EXCUSE FOR A NINJA, WITH A WOUNDED MAN ON HIS BACK.
SEEMS IT HAS BEEN SETTLED.
TAN!

YOUR BATTLE RELIED ON THE OUTCOME YOU GAVE ONE ANSWER
BUT IF THAT WERE TO BREAK DOWN, EVEN FOR A MOMENT,
HE WOULD NEVER BE DEFEATED BY ELANO KARATE LIKE CENTERED-MAN'S ALONE
TOO ENRAGED WITH AN INSERANT HOLD!
GA-
YOU DAMNED LITTLE ...!!
SHAK

!!
DOMO.
I AM NINJA SLAYER.

YEEARRT!!
BOOM!
ABBAH!!
...SO YOU CAN'T EVEN MANAGE AN ARMY NOW
!!
BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE SUFFERING YOU DESERVE AS I KILL YOU.
ARRAH-HAH...!
KRLAK

YUKARI!!
ZAKK
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE...!?
IF ONLY I'D KILLED HIM SOONER...
RIGHT, YUJIRO...

DAAMN NOOOO !!
BOOM
!!
AHHAH
SO!
AH-HAH
YOU BASTARD!!
CENTI-PEDE... SAN...!!

GA-
YOU THINK I'M GOING TO DIE ALONE?!
YOU, ME, WE'RE ALL GONNA BE BLOWN TO BITS— OUR ENTRAILS'LL BE LIKE SCATTERED GARBAGE!!
WOOSH
GRAB
ABBABBAH!!
YEEAARRT!!

ABBABAH!
ABBABAH!!
BONK

CHEW ON IT ALL YOU WANT IN HELL.
KRAK
AH ...?!
THIS IS THE DRAGON DOJO!

BOOM
SAYONARA!!
GRRRR

HOW WOULD YOU RATE MY AMBUSH ?

...YUKA-NO?
I AM NOT YOUR BENSEI...
COME ON...
IYA KOONO!
AUU-KOO!

[THE AFTERMATH PART 3] • END

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NINJA SLAYER KILLS!

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SETTING DESIGN COLLECTION

COMMENTARY: KOUTAROU SEKINE

SURIKEN

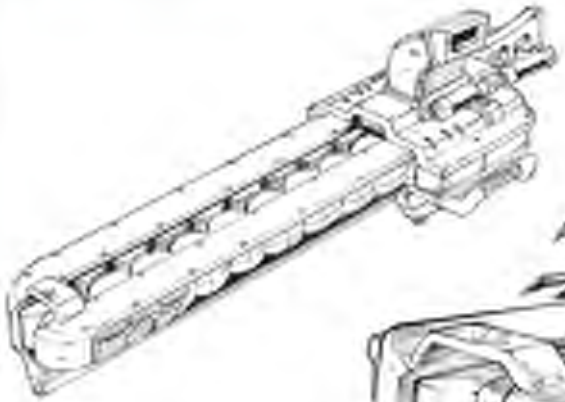
LEFT ARM SURIKEN LOADER

Installed on Gunturret's left arm is a loader that supplies him with surikes (specially tuned for sniping bioenergy ore). he can control the loader's selector from sniping-optimized molding mode to quick-fire mode and use it as a surike-launcher-like gun.

SURIKEN MOLDING UNIT

INITIAL SKETCH

GUNTURRET



GUNTURRET'S SNIPING RIGHT ARM

ARMS ATTACHMENT ARM

GUNTURRET'S SNIPING FORM

HEAD UNIT

The majority of the organs necessary to support Centipede's life are stored in his head unit, and it also includes a bio-mechanical at the tip of his nose, along with two sub-cerebral, one on each side. The biological mouth you can occasionally glimpse on his ethereal mouth. Cybernetics! Not a bad idea of making him fashionable, but I regret that he never got to use his four impressive fangs in battle. He was a challenging character to draw in many ways, and rewarding that it can be hard to fit a character on the page if his head is too big.

ARM EXTENDING MECHANISM

CENTIPEDE

While he looked more like a giant swarming or legged organism accompanied, this is Centipede's very alien. It actually derived as a smaller ninja in the original story. His curved, molded armor effectively wards off outdoors, while the flexible armor constantly injure all who touch him. It's a cybernetic body optimized for a ruthless fighting style.

CYBERNETIC CENTIPEDE FORM

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AFTERWORD

So, how have all of you been doing in this new, Pokemon SD-crazed world we now live in? This is Kautarou Sekine. I generally spend all day cooped up in my room drawing, which means I don't have the slightest idea of how the world is reacting to this Pokemon stuff. Personally, though, Diaclone Reboot madness has taken my own world by storm. They're using their hard-as-diamonds friendship with me to snatch every last bill from my wallet like some sort of money-sucking cyclone. They're just so cool...! Anyway, I really want to eat eel right now (I have a feeling I drew an eel on a chopping board while thinking the exact same thing this time last year).

So, it looks like this volume was 90% Yukana. It was so packed full of her that it'd be fair to say she was the volume's main character. You do have to appreciate a girl who looks good with a smug expression. Most of the female background characters in this manga have subdued, Japanese-looking faces. Yukana is beautiful, but in a more refined and gallant way that might require more of an expert's eye to appreciate, so I'd like her to come across as cute so long as she's a main character.

See you next time in volume 5.

関根太郎
Kautarou Sekine

TRANSLATION NOTES

Pigmon, page 196

One of several well-known *kaiju* from what is arguably the most well-known tokusatsu series, *Ultraman*. Pigmon looks like a piece of red coral, or a rocky hedgehog with bone-like appendages and hands that are placed on its body much like a T-rex's. It is typically portrayed in the *Ultraman* series as friendly.

Mukku, page 196

Mukku is the companion character to Gachapin, a character on the Japanese children's television show called *Hirake! Ponkikki*. Mukku is a red-haired, juvenile yeti. According to urban legend, the pair of Gachapin and Mukku were modeled after Paul McCartney and John Lennon, but there is no evidence that this is in any way true and the characters' creator has publicly denied this.

Diaclone Reboot, page 203

Diaclone was a series of transforming robot toys from Takara Toys (now known as Takara Tomy after merging with the Tomy toy company in 2006) that was in production from 1980-1985. Recently, the series was revived as Diaclone Reboot and appears to be aimed at adults and those who were children when the original Diaclone was released.

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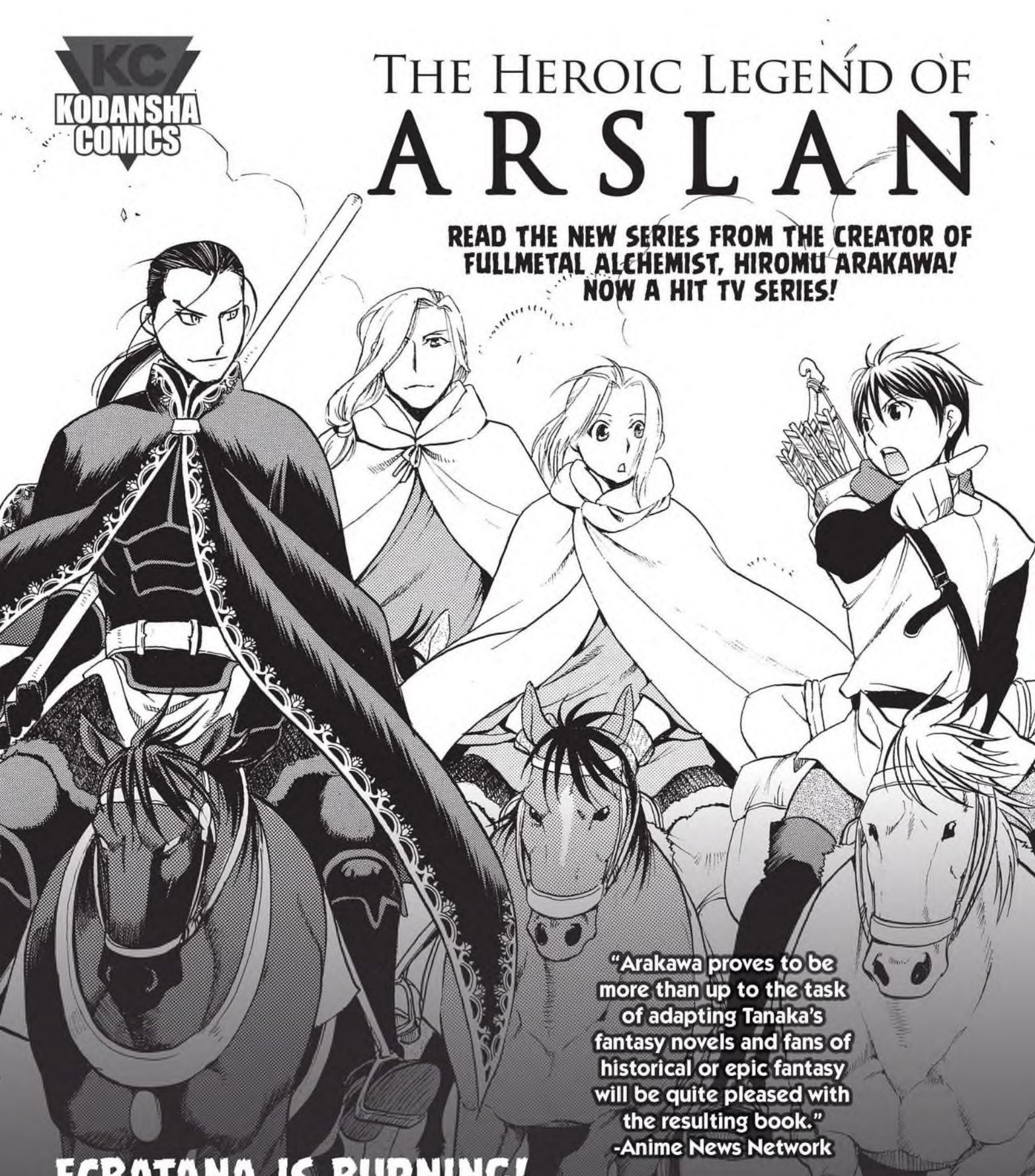

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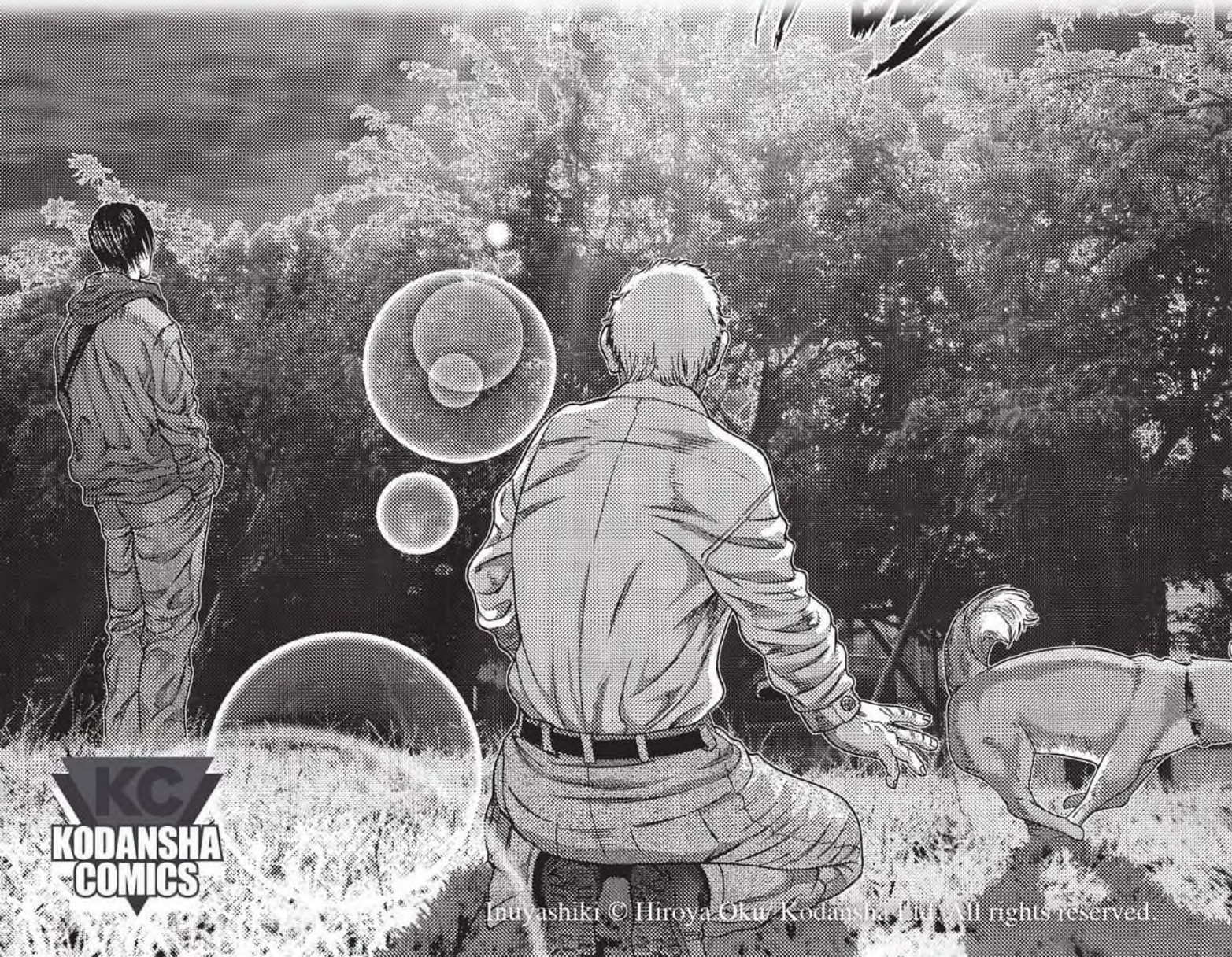

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